

PRESIDENT: LB 106 advances. May I introduce some more guests please. In the north balcony, guests of Senator Coordsen, we have Merlin Volkmer, Wayne Hansen, and Doug Dickenson. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. And also in the north balcony, Senator Schellpeper has Dale Barth of the Stanton REA. Dale, would you please stand. Thank you. LB 194.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 194 offered by Senator Crosby and Senator Schimek. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 9, referred to the Urban Affairs Committee, advanced to General File. I have no committee amendments. I do, however, have an amendment pending by Senator Crosby. (See page 521 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Okay, Senator Crosby, do you wish to take up your amendment first?

SENATOR CROSBY: Yes, please.

PRESIDENT: All right.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you. Mr. President and members, the amendment is offered for technical reasons, and as you will see when we come to the bill, it is for clarification. The amendment is offered to further clarify the intent or scope of LB 194. This amendment adds a provision for security so that a Business Improvement District could hire security personnel, if needed, during festivals or special event, high traffic times, like a football game. An emergency clause was added so that this groundwork would be in place in time for cities to pass an ordinance to establish new Business Improvement Districts, if that is needed. The amendment was offered to the Urban Affairs Committee and I believe accepted by the members of the committee, except that they inadvertently failed to adopt it. Maybe Senator Hartnett would like to say something about that.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I want to apologize to one of our new colleagues, Senator Crosby, because she did bring the amendment to us, and in our Executive Session which we had to do not at the normal time that we do Executive Session, we inadvertently forgot to add that amendment to it, so it should have been a committee amendment, and so she is offering it as an amendment now and I support the amendment